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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Lujan, B. LAST UPDATED 2/06/07 HB 229

SHORT TITLE Northern NM State School Library SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$2,300.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 229 appropriates \$2.3 million from the General Fund to the Regents of Northern New Mexico State School for expenditure in FY 2008 to increase its library acquisitions to comply with accreditation standards of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of colleges and schools to achieve parity with other higher education institutions in New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2,300,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

The HED mentions this is a one-time investment by the state. Future library acquisitions will be part of the regular funding formula allocations.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) was approved to become a four-year institution of higher learning in FY05 and has received regional accreditation from the Higher Learning

Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. NNMC requests funding to increase its library acquisitions to be on parity with other regionally accredited institutions in New Mexico, and to support the five new Baccalaureate programs which have received accreditation: Biology, Business Administration, Environmental Science, Information Technology, and Integrated Healing.

The College library strives to compare more favorably to its peer institutions for the proposed Bachelor degree programs. Acquisition goals set by the Library Director are: to reach a minimum number of 5,000 volumes in each category, which will automatically increase the number of volumes per student; to acquire the necessary number of print subscriptions to reach a minimum of 60 per year in each category; to subscribe to a minimum of two online full text databases per year in each category; and to continue the current subscriptions to the online citation-based databases in each category each year.

This request was submitted by Northern New Mexico College to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review; but is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Higher Education Department indicates NNMC will need additional space to house these acquisitions. Expansion of the present space is a temporary solution but eventually the library will need major expansion or perhaps a new building, depending on the length of time it takes to meet the set goals and the growth of the proposed programs.

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